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PROSECUTORS CHRISTINE KENNEY AND DAVID ZABEL JOIN U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN TOPEKA

TOPEKA, KAN. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that prosecutors **Christine Kenney** and **David Zabel** have accepted positions with the United States Attorney's office in Topeka.

Kenney, who lives in Lawrence, has accepted a position as an Assistant United States Attorney. She has served as Douglas County District Attorney since 1996. She also is a former Assistant District Attorney in Douglas County. She graduated in 1987 from the University of Kansas School of Law and in 1984 from the University of Houston.

"Christine has a very impressive background," Melgren said. "Her experience will be a great asset in her new position as a federal prosecutor. I'm very pleased she is joining us."

Zabel has accepted a position as a Special Assistant United States Attorney to prosecute federal drug crimes. His position will be funded through the federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program. The program provides assistance to regions in the United States that face drug trafficking threats affecting other areas of the nation.

Zabel has been an Assistant District Attorney in Douglas County since 1996. He also served as an Assistant County Attorney in the Harvey County Attorney's Office. He is a 1996 graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law and a 1993 graduate of Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa.

"We're fortunate that David wanted to follow Christine to the United States Attorney's Office," Melgren said.

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